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## **Commissioner for Patents**

A review of the amendment filed on May 24, 2001 (paper No.4) contains two different sets of "marked up" versions of the claims, thereby making it impossible to make ascertain which versions of the amended claims are correct.

For example, pages 27-29 have marked up versions of claims 2,7,8 and 15-20 whereas pages 30-33 have different marked up versions of claims 15.16, 18 and 19.

Applicants are advised to clarify for the record, which marked up version of the claims, is intended to file.

Examiner made a telephone communication with Stephen Acherman on July 17, 2003 to resolve the confusion with the above mentioned "marked-up" copy but did not result any solution.

Furthermore, Applicant's representative wanted a written communication regarding the above-unsolved matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shamim Ahmed whose telephone number is (703) 305-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu (7:00-5:30) Every Friday Off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin Utech can be reached on (703) 308-3836. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)-872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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